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## DILLON ARMED ROBBERS PLEAD GUILTY

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney REGINALD I. LLOYD stated today that four men responsible for armed robberies of Dillon businesses between August and November 2006 pled guilty today in federal court.

EARRICK LAMONT WILSON, age 24, and RONTERICK CORREL JONES, age 21, both of Dillon, and ALLEN DARYL OXENDINE, age 20, and ALEX ANTHONY OXENDINE, age 24, both of Fairmont, North Carolina, pled guilty to armed robbery and possessing a firearm during a crime of violence. United States District Judge R. Bryan Harwell accepted the pleas and will impose sentence at a later date.

Federal prosecutors presented evidence that in September 2006,

RONTERICK CORREL JONES participated in the robbery of Koon's Country

Store located at 3261 Dillon Highway. JONES entered the store brandishing a pistol which he fired twice while demanding money, then left the store with his codefendant. The following month, JONES participated in the robbery of the Sav-Mart, 2518 Highway 9 West in Dillon. He and another individual entered the store and forced an employee to open a locked cash drawer. While leaving the business, JONES fired the weapon several times.

Also in October 2006, EARRICK LAMONT WILSON was involved in the robbery of Roger's Convenience Store at 841 Oakland Road in Dillon. Wilson and another suspect entered the store while an employee was cleaning the floor. One robber pointed a gun to her head and forced her behind the register, demanding money. The victim was told to lay on the floor while the men emptied the cash register.

In November 2006, ALLEN DARYL OXENDINE and ALEX ANTHONY OXENDINE were involved in the robbery of the Kwik Fill, 802 Highway 301N in Dillon. The Oxendines remained in the car while another co-defendant entered the store armed with a shotgun. Money and cigarettes were taken and placed in a bag. Two witnesses observed the robbers and were able to give police a description of the car. Subsequently, several patrol units surrounded the vehicle and all suspects were arrested.

The men face a mandatory minimum of seven years imprisonment and a maximum possible penalty of life in prison.

The men are part of a larger group of individuals who are responsible for a

string of armed robberies in the Dillon area. Five additional men have been indicted on similar charges and are awaiting trial.

The case was investigated by the Dillon County Sheriff's Office, the Dillon Police Department and agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Assistant United States Attorney Rose Mary Parham of the Florence office is prosecuting the case as part of Project CeaseFire, an initiative of the United States Attorneys Office that seeks to aggressively prosecute gunrelated crimes.

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